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SUBJ: ALGERIAN PRESS TREATMENT OF POSTPONEMENT OF KING HASSAN'S
VISIT TO THE US

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1. DEC 4 ALGERIAN PRESS TREATMENT OF POSTPONEMENT OF KING HASSAN'S
VISIT TO U.S. QUITE LOW KEY, BUT PAPERS PERMIT THEMSELVES A BIT OF
SPECULATION.

2. ARABIC-LANGUAGE DAILY ASH-SHA'B, WHICH CARRIES NEWS ON FRONT
PAGE, SUGGESTS FOUR POSSIBLE REASONS FOR POSTPONEMENT:

A. KING'S INVOLVEMENT IN PUTTING LAST TOUCHES ON PLAN OF AGGRES-
SION AGAINST ALGERIA, AGGRESSION BEING UNDERTAKEN WITH FRENCH SUP-
PORT.

B. WASHINGTON'S UNWILLINGNESS TO HAVE VISIT TAKE PLACE AT TIME
WHEN TENSION IN MAGHREB INCREASING, WHEN HASSAN II THREATENING AGR-
SSION TO CONFIRM SAHARA FAIT ACCOMPLI, AND WHEN U.S. HAS PROCLAIMED
ITS NEUTRALITY ON MOROCCAN-MAURITANIAN OCCUPATION OF SAHARA.

C. FEAR OF MILITARY COUP AGAINST ALAOUITE THRONE BY OFFICERS AND
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SOLDIERS WHOSE OPPOSITION TO KING'S SAHARA VENTURE IS GROWING.

D. WASHINGTON'S WISH FOR POSTPONEMENT UNTIL MIDEAST SITUATION
CLARIFIES ITSELF. VISIT TO U.S. BY STRONGEST SUPPOERTER OF SADAT
INITIATIVE COULD BE SEEN AS AMERICAN EFFORT TO CONFIRM SPLIT IN
ARAB RANKS, AND THIS COULD WEAKEN U.S. ATTEMPT TO PLAY ROLE IN
SOLVING MIDEAST PROBLEM.

3. ASH-SHA'B ALSO NOTES KING HASSAN'S RESPONSE TO QUESTION AT HIS NOV 11 PRESS CONFERENCE AS TO WHETHER HE MIGHT POSTPONE TRIP GIVEN SITUATION IN SAHARA. HASSAN QUOTED AS SAYING THAT TRIP VERY IMPORTANT AND THAT HE WOULD POSTPONE IT ONLY IN MOST SERIOUS OF CIRCUMSTANCES.HAYNES

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